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Dear Mr. McNamara:

We are honored that you have accepted [redacted] invitation to talk to his Seminar on Intelligence and National Security Policy which will meet on Thursday, 23 January 1986, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will be the last of three sessions on the role of intelligence production during the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. Ed will chair these meetings which will be attended by about a dozen Senior Intelligence Service Officers, mainly from CIA production components.

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Previous sessions will have touched on the National Security Council system and its operation, the Kennedy-Khrushchev meetings, the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, and the capture of the Pueblo. Enclosed for your information is the list of readings which has been sent to each attendee.

You will be the speaker at the concluding session which will involve a very informal, off-the-record, question-and-answer format. You should expect the questions to focus on how well or how poorly CIA production helped the members of the NSC with the formulation and implementation of national security policy. The participants would be particularly interested in any recollections which you may have of how President Kennedy or President Johnson regarded the intelligence community and CIA. Although we do not expect you to have a lot of dates and other detailed data at your finger tips, it would be very useful if you could recall any tough Defense Department problems the Agency had a role in solving while you were Secretary of Defense. We hope you will also provide the present and future leaders of the CIA production components with any words of wisdom you may wish to impart about what important consumers of intelligence have a right to expect from them.

To allow enough time, you should plan to be at the CIA Headquarters Building in Langley, Virginia by 4:30. You should enter the Main Gate on Route 123 and park at the visitors' parking lot. Please ask the guard at the entrance to the building to direct you to the Main Reception Area, where a member of our staff will meet you and take you to the Seminar room.

Mr. Robert S. McNamara

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If you have any questions about the arrangements, feel free  
to call [redacted] Thank you again  
for participating.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Director  
of  
Training and Education

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